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## Kleefisch/Stuck Anti-Solicitation Bill Passes State Legislature Cracking down on those who solicit prostitutes

MADISON – Rep. Stuck issued the following statement following the passage of Senate Bill 308, authored by Reps. Stuck, Kleefisch and Sen. Feyen.

"I am proud that this legislation has passed the State Assembly and now waits for the Governor's signature to become law," stated Rep. Stuck. "I would also like to thank Lt. Jeff Miller of the Appleton Police Department for bringing this bill proposal to me."

"Unfortunately, Wisconsin is seeing the scourge of human trafficking, rearing its head in communities across the state in prostitution. Women and even children, are being held against their will and coerced to sell themselves on the streets," said Rep. Stuck. "In the last few years we have taken steps to recognize that these women are truly victims and to provide assistance to them and education to the public on this issue."

"This legislation aims to tackle the other end of the equation, the demand for prostitutes in our state. As I heard from law enforcement in our community, too often, those visiting prostitutes and fueling the human trafficking industry are the same individuals over and over again," said Rep. Stuck. "This bill increases the penalty for repeat offenders for soliciting, giving law enforcement and prosecutors the tools they need to crack down on those who are perpetuating this dangerous and demeaning underground industry in our state."

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